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**South Florida Water Management District**

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**Public Meeting to Discuss Regulatory Matters**

**April 18, 2018**

**10:00 a.m.**

**South Florida Water Management District - B-1 Auditorium  
3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach, FL 33406**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Staff Present:**

Jill Creech, Director, Regulation Division  
Ricardo Valera, Chief, Environmental Resource Bureau  
Barb Conmy, Section Leader, Environmental Resource Bureau  
Nick Vitani, Section Leader, Water Use Bureau  
Marc Ady, Regulation Service Center Administrator, Orlando Service Center  
Melissa Roberts, Regulation Service Center Administrator, Fort Myers Service Center  
Gary Priest, Section Leader, Okeechobee Service Center

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Jill Creech at 10:02 a.m. Mrs. Creech reviewed the purpose of the meeting and requested that all comments be regarding Regulatory issues and introduced the staff at Headquarters and the Service Centers. There were no members of the public present at the Fort Myers, Orlando and Okeechobee Service Centers. One member of the public was present at District Headquarters.

**2 and 3. Applications of Public Interest Concern**

**Application 141020-12 Corkscrew Crossing**

Public Comment: Drew Martin, (Palm Beach County Sierra Club), expressed his concerns about this application.

#### **4. Public Comment on other Pending Permit Applications**

Public Comment: Drew Martin expressed his concerns regarding Agricultural Reserve applications in Palm Beach County located west of I-95 and the continued development of originally historic wetlands, stormwater runoff into canals and water quality.

Public Comment: Drew Martin commented that he would be attending the Lake Worth Lagoon Initiative Steering Committee meeting on water quality.

Public Comment: Drew Martin commented on impacted historic wetlands, their value and our regulations on these areas.

#### **5. Public Comment on General Regulatory Issues**

General Public Comment: Drew Martin commented regarding the importance of these meetings.

General Public Comment: Drew Martin inquired regarding 404 Permitting (dredge and fill) and how would that be handled.

Staff responded that this is a Department of Environmental Protection process.

General Public Comment: Drew Martin requested that the District share with the Sierra Club our future involvement, if any, in this regulatory process.

General Public Comment: Drew Martin inquired how projects are determined to be on the list, and how can he have projects added.

Staff explained the process.

General Public Comment: Drew Martin commented regarding Sierra Club's marine forum that was held recently.

General Public Comment: Drew Martin commented regarding the challenge of water quality due to increased stormwater run-off, sea level rise and its effects on mangroves, dredge and fill areas, changes in currents and when permitting projects allowing space for heavy rainfall and rising sea levels.

#### **6. Adjourn**

Staff reminded the attendees that information for all applications and permits is always available online using ePermitting and that training is available for using this website.

The attendees were reminded that the next meeting will not occur until June 20, 2018; due to scheduling conflicts.

Staff was available to answer questions once the meeting was adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:17 a.m.